

**\* DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY – Search and Rescue Contingency \***

**WHEREAS**, there is a continuing demand to provide emergency search and rescue assistance to individuals lost, injured, stranded or deceased in remote inaccessible areas of the State of Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona and the County Sheriffs conduct search and rescue missions and incur costs above and beyond their capability; and

**WHEREAS**, without search and rescue assistance individuals' lives and welfare may be in jeopardy; and

**WHEREAS**, the state previously had a search and rescue contingency declaration for the period January 1, 2002 – January 1, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been ongoing search and rescue contingencies since January 1, 2007 that justify a renewed declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency for a contingency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D); and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in an event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192;

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine the continuing demand for search and rescue missions justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare an emergency for Search and Rescue Contingency statewide due to the on-going need for search and rescue missions, effective January 1, 2007 and continuing; and
- b. Direct that the sum of up to \$200,000 from the General Fund be made available annually to the Director of the State Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, A.R.S. § 11-251.02, A.R.S. § 11-441.C, Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Authorize the Adjutant General to mobilize and call to activate all or such part of the National Guard as is determined necessary to assist in the protection of life and property throughout the State.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 1 day of February in the Year Two Thousand Eight and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE